

**HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY 23 JULY 2013 AT 8.15 PM**  
**AT PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES**

**PRESENT:** Mr Bowdler, Ms Bowdler, Mr Chambers, Mrs Clark, Mrs Holmwood, Mr Landreth, Mrs Plant (Chairman), Mr Wood and Mr Woodhouse. Mr Hough was also present.

The Clerk was in attendance.

5 members of the public were also in attendance

**COMMUNITY SHELTER**

Representatives from Heathfield Works spoke to the Committee regarding permission to erect a community shelter at Tower Recreation Ground. It would provide a meeting place, be sited away from residential properties and would be covered by the CCTV camera. A suggestion was made that the young people might help with actual construction.

**WALDRON CRICKET CLUB – NETS**

Mr Hunt from the Cricket Club spoke to the Committee regarding the provision of cricket nets to encourage new members to the club and enhance existing facilities. The Chairman of the Committee had met the Club on site and a possible position had been agreed. Planning permission would need to be sought.

**The Meeting commenced at 8.34 p.m.**

13/43 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr A Baker, Mr M Baker, Mr Hart, Mr Taylor and Mr Waterhouse.

13/44 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

The following disclosures had previously been made by Members.

Mr Hart disclosed a prejudicial interest in respect of Broad Oak Village Hall as Chairman of the Committee.

Mrs Plant disclosed a pecuniary interest in respect of Darch's Wood arising from her membership of the Cross-in-Hand Amenities Society, of which she is a Committee Member.

In addition to the above, all Members of the Parish Council had an interest in respect of the sole trusteeship of Waldron Recreation Ground Charity.

Mrs Plant disclosed a pecuniary interest as Treasurer and authorised signatory of the Cross-in- Hand Village Hall.

In addition:

Ms Bowdler disclosed a direct pecuniary interest in respect of the community shelter proposal as an employee of Heathfield Works

Mr Hough and Mr Chambers disclosed pecuniary interests in respect of Waldron Cricket Club as Members of the Club

Mr Bowdler disclosed personal interests in respect of Heathfield Works and Punnetts Town Village Hall as Parish Council representative.

13/45 **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the Leisure, Environment and Recreation Committee meeting held on 20 May 2013 having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

13/46 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

13/47 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2013**

The Committee noted the above report.

13/48 **EMERGENCY/ADDITIONAL WORKS TO 31 MAY 2013**

There were none.

13/49 **REPORTS ON RECREATION GROUNDS**

13/49a **Lucas Hall and House, Waldron**

It was noted that the tenants of the house had decided not to move the fence.

The Hall had been re-painted inside and was running well.

13/49b **Punnetts Town Recreation Ground and Village Hall**

No problems had been reported and the fete had been successful.

13/49c **Tower Recreation Ground**

(i) Request for sheltered seating area

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to support the provision of a shelter in principle, providing funds could be raised by Heathfield Works. It was agreed that a notice should be placed on site indicating the proposals and inviting the comments of users of the grounds and local residents.

(ii) Cutting of hedge request by ESCC

The Committee noted that the hedge had been cut earlier than planned at the request of ESCC as it was overhanging the footway in Tower Street.

13/49d **Cade Street Memorial Ground**

There were no matters to report.

13/49e **Broad Oak Recreation Ground**

There were no matters to report.

13/49f **Cross in Hand Village Hall**

The Chairman reported that she had reminded the Chairman of the Committee that an AGM was needed.

13/49g **Hardy Roberts Playing Fields**

(i) Verbal report re condition of car park surface

It was **RESOLVED** to approve filling in of the car park surface, where required.

(ii) Verbal report on Japanese knotweed

The Committee noted that this needed to be sprayed and the Council's contractor had been notified.

(iii) Cross in Hand Fete

Plans for the fete on 3 August were progressing.

13/49h **Leeves Common Play Area**

It was reported that East Sussex Children's Centre and Active Play were holding a play day on Monday 29 July from 1.30 – 3.30 pm.

13/49i **Sheepsetting Lane Recreation Ground**

The continuing problems of dog mess were discussed and it was agreed that the Contractor should be asked for any ideas to help resolve the problem.

13/49j **Heathfield Community Centre**

(i) **Cross in Hand CEP School – Emergency Assembly Point**

The Committee agreed that the Community Centre could be used and the proposal should be raised with the PCT.

(ii) **Report of nuisance in car park**

Local residents had reported noise nuisance from cars late at night. The Police were asking that a barrier be erected to the car park and the matter would be discussed with the PCT.

13/49k **Waldron Recreation Ground**

**Siting of new nets for the Cricket Club**

The Committee noted the plans for new nets which would be discussed at a meeting of the Trustees.

13/49l **Jubilee Park**

There were no matters to report.

13/49m **Skatepark**

The Contractor had asked whether an additional litter bin could be provided, adjacent to the seat and it was **RESOLVED** to approve this request.

The Clerk reported that an incident of graffiti in the skatepark had been dealt with by the Police and it had now been removed.

13/50 **DARCH'S WOOD**

The Chairman reported that the turn-out for the treasure hunt had been disappointing. A successful working party had taken place and a fallen tree had now been removed.

13/51 **HIGH STREET PLANTING**

**Tree watering**

The Committee noted that the trees were now being watered.

13/52 **HIGH STREET FURNITURE**

There were no matters to report.

13/53 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

The Committee noted that WDC had given permission for tree work adjacent to 4 Larch Close and there were no objections to these proposals.

The Clerk reported on WDC's proposals to create a Dog Control Order for the district. Enforcement would be carried out by PCSO's and two Street Scene Officers who would be employed by WDC. The Committee supported the proposals.

13/54 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 SECTION 17**

There were considered to be no crime and disorder implications in respect of matters discussed at the meeting.

13/55 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

There were considered to be no risk management implications in respect of matters discussed at the meeting.

13/56 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 23 September 2013 in the Parish Council Meeting Rooms starting at 8.15 pm or upon the rising of the Burial Grounds and Amenities Committee.

The meeting closed at 9.17 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: